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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method and Apparatus for Reducing DC Offsets in a Communication System**
Inventors: Rawlins *et al.*
Our Ref: 1744.1330000

Sir:

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1. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 citing documents;
3. Copies of the documents cited on Form PTO-1449 (AG55-AI55, AL23, AN59, AO59, AA56-AC56); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached Form PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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Applicants provide the following comments regarding the documents:

Documents AG55, AH55, AN59 were cited in Office Actions in related U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/567,977, filed May 10, 2000, entitled, "Optical Down-converter Using Universal Frequency Translation Technology," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AL23, AI55, AA56-AC56, and AO59 were cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/669,634, filed September 26, 2000, entitled "High Frequency Translator and Method of High Frequency Translation," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Office Action were U.S. Patent Nos. 6,049,706; 6,421,534; and 6,560,301, which have already been cited in the present application.

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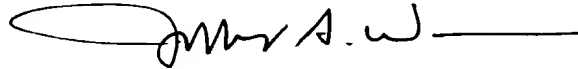
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- ☒ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of non-English language document AL23 appears below:
Document AL23 (DE 196 48 915 A1) appears to describe a process of frequency conversion. An English-language translation of document AL23 is enclosed as document AO59.
- ☒ 7. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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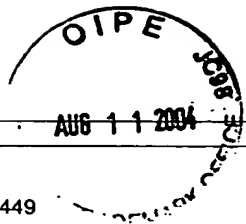
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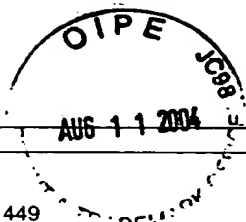
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